

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008, 12:00 P.M.

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Co-Chair

Rep. Bradley G. Last, Co-Chair

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

Sen. Patricia W. Jones

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove

Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke

Rep. Gage Froerer

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Rep. Karen W. Morgan

Rep. Phil Riesen

Rep. Aaron Tilton

Rep. Brad L. Dee

Rep. Carl Wimmer

Ben Leishman, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Patrick Lee, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Cherie Schmidt, Secretary

Richard Nelson, President and CEO, Utah Technology Council

Sen. Eastman

Rep. Hemingway

Sen. Hillyard

David Buhler, Acting Commissioner for Higher Education

Rep. Frank

Greg Roberts, World Language Specialist, USOE

Linda Mariotti, Associate Superintendent, Granite School District

Co-Chair Stephenson

Rep. Ferry

Rep. Sumsion

Rep. Hughes

Beverley Sorenson

Rep. Shurtliff

Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Salt Lake CAP Head Start

Co-Chair Last

Sen. Romaro Dr. Paul McCarty

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Co-Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

1. Committee Lunch - Provided by ProStart -

Richard Nelson, President and CEO of the Utah Technology Council, addressed the Subcommittee members. The Utah Technology Council is the essential resource for Utah's 4,300 science and technology companies to develop management talent, sharpen professional skills, and raise investment capital. Members can connect and share insights with industry, peers, government and academic teachers, professional service providers, and venture capital firms. A handout was given to the Subcommittee that states the position of the Council on some of the bills being presented to the Legislature.

2. Fiscal Note Bills - Sen. Eastman presented S.B. 048 Equalization of School Capital Outlay Funding. This amends provisions of the Public Education Capital Outlay Act relating to the Capital Outlay Foundation Program. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$52,858,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2009-10, to the State Board of Education.

Rep. Hemingway presented H.B. 85 Teacher Loan Program. This bill creates a loan program for new teachers to assist them in purchasing a new home and help with mortgages, establishes program funding requirements, and requires the State Board of Education to adopt administrative rules to implement the program. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$1,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to the State Board of Education.

Sen. Hillyard presented S.B.180 Regents' Scholarship Program. This bill establishes the Regents' Scholarship Program to award merit scholarships to students who complete a rigorous core course of study in high school. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2008-09 only, \$50,000,000 from the Education Fund to the State Board of Regents and as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$7,500,000 from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to the State Board of Regents. David Bueler ??? Acting Commissioner for Higher Education, spoke in support of this bill.

Rep. Frank presented H.B. 163 School Fee Amendments. This bill provides definitions, prohibits course fees, rental and use fees, certain charges for student supplies, and textbook fees, allows extracurricular fees under certain conditions, and makes technical corrections. These fees would be rolled back into personal income tax. This bill

appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$13,100,000 from the Uniform School Fund.

3. **Proposed Bill/Intent Languages** - Co-Chair Stephenson introduced Greg Roberts who is the World Language Specialist, USOE. Mr. Roberts spoke on the Critical Language Initiative. Linda Mariotti, Associate Superintendent, Granite School District, explained the use of funding in Granite School District. They are using a pilot program in 37 of their schools. Co-Chair Stephenson referred to a handout entitled, *Critical Language Initiative*, which explains the four components of the initiative. He also explained that language would be brought forth to include in the Appropriations Act because this program is already in place. This request is for an expansion of the program.

Co-Chair Stephenson also presented Technology One-Time Funding. He stated that this is the program that provides a continuation of last year's technology funding. If prioritized, language would be provided for the bill to extend last year's technology appropriation to include purchase of computer-assisted instructional software which has been found to be important in providing virtual class size reduction of 1 to1 for a significant part of the teaching day. There is a request for \$50 million; however, this amount is scalable.

Co-Chair Stephenson also presented Class Size Reduction Criteria. He stated that a proposal has been made to continue the current class size reduction money at a minimum. If this is done, it is proposed that language be included in the Appropriations Act which will require districts over the next few years to meet targets in order to continue to receive the funding. This will ensure results in achieving class size targets as districts move ahead from year to year.

At this point in the meeting, the agenda returned to Fiscal Note Bills.

Rep. Ferry presented H.B. 123 Accelerated Learning Programs. This bill increases the appropriation for accelerated learning programs and creates a grant program with a portion of the monies. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$1,000,000 from state and local funds for fiscal year 2008-09 to accelerated learning programs.

Rep. Ferry also presented H.B. 274 Utah K-8 Online Virtual School. This bill authorizes the State Board of Education to establish a virtual school for students in kindergarten through the 8th grade. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$4,713,150 from the Uniform School Fund to the State Board of Education and \$100,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 only to the State Board of Education.

Rep. Sumsion presented H.B. 113 School Financial Disclosure. This bill requires year-end reporting of expenditures made and gross wages paid by a school district or charter school. Names would not be used in this reporting.

Co-Chair Stephenson presented S.B. 35 Differentiated Pay for Teachers. This bill provides market incentives to attract and retain mathematics and science teachers who fill positions for which there is a critical shortage of qualified personnel. This bill provides \$5,000 additional pay. The bill has been amended to include language that would ensure that the teacher has a major in math or science and has favorable recommendations as a teacher. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$7,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09.

Rep. Hughes presented H.B. 035 Differentiated Pay for Teachers. This bill is also an incentive to bring those people with math and science degrees into the teaching profession.

Rep. Hughes referred to the English Language Learners Family Literacy Centers. Dr. Paul McCarty spoke in support of these centers. He stated that the funding would be used in the centers for delivering instruction, reducing class sizes, targeting ELL students, and improving the quality of instruction through sustained professional development to ensure that all teachers of ELL students have appropriate endorsements.

Rep. Hughes also presented H.B. 363 Public Education - Arts Enhanced Learning Program. Rep. Hughes indicated that the title of this bill will be amended to read the Beverley Sorenson Elementary Arts Program. This bill creates the Arts Enhanced Learning Program to provide grants to integrate arts teaching and learning into selected schools. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$7,310,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to the State Board of Education and as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$600,000 from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to the State Board of Regents and \$1,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 only to the State Board of Education. Beverley Sorenson spoke in behalf of this bill.

Co-Chair Stephenson presented S.B. 39 Mathematical, Science, and Technology Education Task Force. This bill creates the Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education Task Force. This task force would study issues relating to science and technology education and would require the task force to make a report to the Education Interim Committee. This bill appropriates \$15,225 to the Senate and \$21,315 to the House of Representatives.

Co-Chair Stephenson also presented S.B. 41 Extended School Year Incentive. This bill creates a grant program to provide a financial incentive to school districts to adopt school schedules and calendars that result in a more efficient use of human resources and capital facilities. This bill would provide a pilot for three districts or more to receive an incentive to move into a year-round concept for use of buildings and staff. Students would still attend the same number of school days. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2008-09 only, \$32,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund.

Rep. Shurtliff presented H.B. 330 State Supplemental Funding for Head Start. This bill establishes state supplemental funding for Head Start Programs in Utah. The request includes \$700,000 for an additional 100 Head Start slots for eligible children between the ages of 3 to 5. This bill appropriates subject to future budget constraints, \$700,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to the Department of Health. Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Salt Lake CAP Head Start, spoke in support of this bill.

Co-Chair Last presented Project RESCUE. He stated that the Utah Association for Gifted Children (UAGC) is requesting consideration in seeking \$5 million in state funding to support Project RESCUE. The goal of this project is to strengthen professional learning for educators across the state in the field of academic growth for high ability learners. A handout was given to the Subcommittee members explaining the structure of this project.

Co-Chair Last also presented H.B. 200 Early Childhood Learning and Evaluation. This bill creates a pilot project using a home-based educational technology program to develop school readiness skills of preschool children. He indicated that software would be placed in homes of children one year before they come into kindergarten. This bill establishes within the public education system a pilot project known as UPSTART which uses a home-based educational technology program to develop school readiness skills of preschool children. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$9,600,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education.

Sen. Romaro made a request for \$350,000 one-time funding to be used in connection with a series that is going to be promoted in the winter of 2009 to recognize the five Native American Tribes. The request is to provide funding for the production and the educational component that will highlight the five Utah tribes. The name of this effort is "We Shall Remain."

Also presented by Co-Chair Last was H.B. 81 Task Force to Study Performance Incentives for Teachers. This bill creates the Performance Incentives for Teachers Task Force. This bill appropriates \$42,630 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only.

4. **Begin New Funding Prioritization** - Suggestions were given to the Subcommittee members as to the prioritization of new funding.
5. **Other Committee Business** - There was no other Subcommittee business.
6. **Adjourn** -

MOTION: Co-Chair Last moved to adjourn the meeting.

Co-Chair Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Cherie Schmidt, Secretary

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